

I am disappointed and surprised that Sinclair Broadcasting's may be allowed to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This act is a blatant example of the dangers of media consolidation and control.

I have been instructed that Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge and is therefore obligated by law to serve the PUBLIC, not a PARTISAN interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. The American people have the right to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve a more thorough and thoughtful review. Thank you.